

Amendments To The Claims.

1. (Cancelled)
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3. (Currently Amended) A method for connecting and disconnecting a pipe length from a pipe string, the method comprising:
 - providing a chassis;
 - providing an assembly comprising a power tong, a back-up tong, one or more guide columns with a pitch rack, one or more cogs, one or more hydraulic cylinders and a work area, wherein the power tong and back-up tong are movable relative to each other through operation of the hydraulic cylinder, the power tong and back-up tong are movable along the one or more guide columns through operation of the one or more cogs along the pitch rack and the chassis is removably connected to the one or more guide columns;
 - providing a pipe length;
 - encircling the pipe length with a an angularly non-segmented drive ring of the power tongs carrying one or more ~~ereseent-~~ semicircular shaped jaws;
 - encircling the pipe string with a non-segmented housing of the ~~backup~~ back-up tongs;
 - securing the pipe length to the pipe string having a connecting point defined at the point where the pipe length is secured to the pipe string;
 - disconnecting the one or more guide columns from the chassis; and
 - adjusting the height of the assembly to place the connecting point in the work area of the assembly.

4. (Original) The process of claim 3 further comprising:
 - securing the power tong to the pipe length above the connecting point;
 - securing the back-up tong to the pipe string below the connecting point; and
 - rotating the pipe length.
5. (Original) The process of claim 4 further comprising moving the power tong and the back-up tong relative to one another.
6. (Original) The process of claim 5 further comprising:
 - removing the pipe length from the pipe string;
 - removing the power tong from the pipe length;
 - removing the back-up tong from the pipe string; and
 - moving the assembly relative to the pipe string.
7. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 3 further comprising:
 - providing at least one locking mechanism to lock the back-up tong relative to the one or more guide columns; and
 - locking the back-up tong to the one or more guide column.

8. (Previously Presented) A method for connecting and disconnecting a pipe length from a pipe string, the method comprising:

providing a chassis;

providing an assembly comprising a power tong, a back-up tong, one or more guide columns with a pitch rack, one or more cogs, one or more hydraulic cylinders and a work area, wherein the power tong and back-up tong are movable relative to each other through operation of the hydraulic cylinder, the power tong and back-up tong are movable along the one or more guide columns through operation of the one or more cogs along the pitch rack and the chassis is removably connected to the one or more guide columns;

locking the back-up tong to the one or more guide columns;

providing a pipe length;

securing the pipe length to a pipe string having a connecting point defined at the point where the pipe length is secured to the pipe string;

disconnecting the one or more guide columns from the chassis; and

adjusting the height of the assembly to place the connecting point in the work area of the assembly.

9. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 8 further comprising:

securing the power tong to the pipe length above the connecting point;

securing the back-up tong to the pipe string below the connecting point; and

rotating the pipe length.

10. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 9 further comprising moving the power tong and the back-up tong relative to one another.
11. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 10 further comprising:
 - removing the pipe length from the pipe string;
 - removing the power tong from the pipe length;
 - removing the back-up tong from the pipe string; and
 - moving the assembly relative to the pipe string.
12. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 11 further comprising: encircling the pipe length with a an angularly non-segmented drive ring of the power ~~tongs;~~ tongs.
13. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 11 further comprising: encircling the pipe string with a an angularly non-segmented housing of the ~~backup~~ back-up tongs.
14. (New) The process of claim 7, said locking mechanism comprising a mandrel movable mounted in the back-up tong housing.
15. (New) The process of claim 8, the step of locking the back-up tong to the one or more guide columns comprising engaging a mandrel between the back-up tong and the one or more guide columns.